

Permitting

Air emissions in South Carolina are regulated by the Bureau of Air Quality (BAQ). In order to maintain air pollution laws and regulations, the BAQ has a permitting system for industrial and commercial facilities in the state that emit pollutants into the ambient air.

A permit is a legal document that limits the amount of regulated pollutants released by the permitted source.

Any person who plans to construct, alter, or add to a source of air contaminants shall first obtain a construction permit from the BAQ. No construction may begin prior to receipt of a permit to construct.

For a construction permit application, the following information is required:

1. Explanation and purpose of submittal.
2. Completion of appropriate forms to include signature and seal of a professional engineer and signature by company official.
3. Full descriptions of each air pollution emitting process.
4. Complete dispersion modeling questionnaires and dispersion modeling.
5. A plot plan drawn to scale showing dimensions of all structures on site that may affect pollutant dispersion and property lines.
6. Any other information necessary for determination of the expected impact on air quality.

For an original operating permit, a written request must be submitted from the facility no later than 15 days prior to placing the source into operation. A compliance inspection by the Department may then be conducted.

This fact sheet is intended as a summary of the permitting process and is not all-inclusive. To obtain permit applications or additional information regarding air permits, you may contact the Bureau of Air Quality by phone at (803) 898-4123, access the bureau web page at <http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/baq>, or write to the following address:

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